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THE WORLD AT LARGE.  
Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE president has nominated Harold M. Sewall, son of the late democratic candidate for vice president, to be minister to Hawaii.

THE republican members of the senate finance committee have agreed either to strike out the retroactive provision of the Dingley bill or to amend it as to pave the way for its being stricken out in conference and have so notified the democratic members of the committee.

THERE was on file with the civil service commission in Washington on the 23d over 12,000 applications for examination, all of which applicants will have their fitness to hold office tested during the coming spring. The number of applicants is far in excess of the needs of the service and will place upon the eligible lists thousands of men and women who will have their hopes raised only to be disappointed.

THE immigration commissioner is investigating a report that Japanese are coming into the United States under contract, many arriving at San Francisco from Hawaii and British Columbia to work in California orchards and fields.

THE Dawes commission reached an agreement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian commissioners at Atoka, I. T., on the 23d for a division of their lands.

GEN. MILES, of the United States army, has been notified of the president's approval of his projected visit to the seat of war in Europe. He will leave Washington early in May and will be accompanied by Capt. M. B. Maus, of his personal staff.

THE treasury department at Washington has unofficial advice to the effect that the steamer Victoria had arrived at Tacoma, Wash., with over 100 Chinese on board who were said to hold forged certificates.

GENERAL NEWS.

GEORGE WITTICH, supervisor of physical culture in the public schools of St. Louis, will have a grand rehearsal of the army of 11,000 children, who will take part in an exhibition number on the first day of the coming turnfest in that city.

THE Hunt levee on the Illinois side ten miles below Keokuk, Ia., broke on the 27th and threw the inhabitants of the district into the wildest alarm. Much stock was in danger of being drowned and thousands of bushels of corn may be swept away.

WHILE an electric car was crossing the railroad track at Tampa, Fla., a fast mail train ran into it and three persons were killed and many others injured. The street car was smashed into splinters. The motorman was engaged in a fight with some passengers and did not see the train. He afterwards fled to the woods.

BUFFALO gnats are invading McCracken county, Ky., and other localities and are killing horses and cattle in large numbers.

THE discontent in Athens was said to be growing on the 27th and the king of Greece will be made the scapegoat for the defeat of the Greek troops. Popular feeling was said to point to a revolution in favor of a republic. The king of Greece was said to be having his castle in Denmark fixed up in case he had to quit Greece by abdicating the throne or being deposed.

FIRE broke out on pier five at Newport News, Va., on the 27th. Three ocean steamers were entirely destroyed. The total loss was placed at \$3,000,000. Several persons were badly injured while trying to escape from their ships.

CHURCH circles at Americus, Ga., were recently agitated over a Chinaman. The white Baptists recently converted the celestial and took him into full communion. He soon afterwards married a negro, and neither the whites nor the blacks will now give him their trade.

A CAR load of food supplies and clothing was recently sent from Burlington, Ia., to the flood sufferers at Oakville, Ia. They were badly needed, as many persons had to camp on levees and knolls, the district being submerged.

ARRANGEMENTS have been perfected at Fort Worth, Tex., for a battle of flowers and flower carnival in conjunction with a three days' Mayfest, beginning May 10.

HARRY A. CASSIN, the cashier of the Georgia Loan & Banking Co., at Atlanta, Ga., has confessed to being a defaulter to the extent of \$45,000. The astonishing discovery was made that the bank, which was supposed to be one of the most prosperous in the state, had hardly a cent's worth of assets. Instead of the shortage being \$45,000, it will be several times that sum, and it was believed that at least one other official will share a cell with Cassin.

AN extra freight train was running at high speed on the Iowa Central near Steamboat Rock, Ia., when the front trucks of the engine gave way, sending the entire train of 25 cars into a ditch, wrecking some of them badly. The engineer was thought to be fatally injured.

JOHN RAAP, a wholesale liquor dealer at Chicago, was shot and killed by his former confidential clerk, D. W. Braunschweig, who afterwards put the revolver to his own temple and killed himself. Raap had got a warrant out for Braunschweig for being short in his accounts.

AT Alexandria, Va., the negroes attacked the whites and police and one policeman was killed. The fire department trucks were used to transport troops and citizens from one point to another as the negroes had formed bands throughout the town. The race war was caused by the lynching of a negro.

J. O. SHACKLEY, who has returned to Guthrie, Ok., from Cuba, where he served two years in the insurgent army, will address public meetings in Oklahoma and attempt to recruit volunteers to aid Cuba.

A LONDON dispatch on the 27th said that it was feared that the French steamer Henri, bound from Swansea for Marseilles, had been lost with 60 of her crew.

THE monument to Gen. Grant was dedicated at New York on the 27th. President McKinley made an appropriate address. Gen. Porter delivered the oration and Mayor Strong accepted the monument on behalf of the city. The ceremonies were imposing, the land parade being one of the grandest military parades ever seen in New York, and the warships in the harbor fired salutes.

WILLIAM G. KNIFFEN, who distinguished himself by gallant services in the late war and who was a member of Grant's staff in his trip around the world, disappointed through failure to receive his pension money, had just sought the shelter of the soldiers' home at Quincy, Ill., when a check reached him from the pension department for \$11,444, with the assurance of a good monthly sum hereafter. He took his discharge from the home and went to Chicago.

WILLIAM LUTZ, 73 years of age, was recently ground to death under the wheels of a train near Brazil, Ind. His head was severed from his body and crashed to a jelly and his body was cut in twain lengthwise.

A LIGHT earthquake shock was felt at Cairo, Ill., at 9:30 o'clock p. m. of the 27th.

FOUR young people were out skiff riding on the river at Park's Mills, near Cumberland Falls, Ky., and got into the current and were swept over the dam and drowned.

AN appeal has been sent to Clara Barton to come to the rescue of starving pacificos in Cuba, whose condition is daily growing more heartrending. Children are dying in the streets of Matanzas and babies have been found dead in the arms of exhausted mothers. Whole villages of living skeletons in bark huts are praying for death to release them from their suffering.

THREE boys, while fishing near Webster City, Ia., gathered some wild parsnips and ate them. As a result two were reported dead and the other at death's door.

As a result of the warning of the vigilance committee not a colored man is left at the town of Davis, I. T.

A SERIES of cloudbursts and heavy wind occurred in and around Eufaula, I. T., on the night of the 24th. Farm houses, fences and crops were washed away and considerable damage done.

A SEVERE earthquake was felt at Cairo, Ill., at ten o'clock on the night of the 25th, lasting about 20 seconds. No particular damage was done.

ON Beaver creek, about 30 miles from Pikeville, Ky., the home of Tom Darben, a logging man, was burned and his wife and four children perished. Tom Darben was absent in Virginia.

THE grand jury at Cincinnati returned an indictment against George Hobson, county clerk, for embezzlement of \$15,000 and misconduct in office.

FIVE thousand people saw Jimmy Barry and Jimmy Anthony, bantam weights, fight 20 rounds before the National Athletic club at San Francisco on the 23d. The fight was for a \$2,000 purse, 75 per cent to the winner, at 115 pounds. Barry had the best of it all through and after the 20th round he was declared the bantam champion of the world.

According to Bradstreet's report there were 215 business failures throughout the United States for the week ended the 23d, against 240 in the corresponding week last year.

TWO convicts in San Quentin (Cal.) prison, W. E. Kelley and Frank Wheelock, fought with jute knives on the 23d before the guards could interfere. Kelley was killed and Wheelock was reported dying.

LITTLE hope is entertained by western railway managers that the United States senate will pass the Foraker pooling bill. They admit the sentiment of the people in the west is decidedly hostile to a legalization of railroad pools and most of the senators of the western states, therefore, will refuse to vote for Foraker's bill.

THE extensive barn of W. C. Lawrence, located at Lexington, Ind., was consumed by fire. Five hundred bushels of grain and many farming implements were burned and 11 head of horses perished.

AT the Methodist church at Crawfordville, Ind., the minister, who was about to marry Henry Humphreys and Anna Jones, asked, as was customary, if there was any objection to the marriage, when Miss Hattie Davis leaped up with an infant in her arms and declared the groom to be the child's father, but the clergyman ignored her and rushed the ceremony through.

DATER on Miss Davis was led off by the police as she tried to enter the reception armed with a dagger.

A FIRE recently destroyed Kleppisch's gunpowder store at Burlington, Ia., causing a loss of \$35,000 on stock and \$5,000 on building.

THE opinion was unanimous in London on the 25th that the war between Greece and Turkey would soon be closed and this view was said to be shared by the powers, who were preparing to intervene.

Mrs. FAGAN BOURLAND shot and killed Maud Allen at Fort Smith, Ark., because she had alienated the affections of Mr. Bourland.

As an amateur bull fight at Leon, Mex., two of the ring men were gored to death. One of the bulls also broke over the barricade and played havoc with the audience, several persons being wounded.

As a result of a heavy storm and the subsequent rise of the Blue river 200 houses were flooded and 1,100 people driven from their homes at Beatrice, Neb.

NANCY MCKINLEY, mother of the president, celebrated her 88th birthday anniversary at her home at Canton, O., on the 23d. She was in excellent health, barring slight attacks of rheumatism.

LONDON LOVETT quarreled with his nephew, T. J. Lovett, near Leesburg, Va., and made towards him with a razor, when young Lovett grabbed a hatchet and struck his uncle a fatal blow with it.

JACK BRIGHAM, a farmer near Paducah, Ky., recently went insane and, within a short time after, three of his ten children also manifested similar symptoms. The wife and mother was reported grief-stricken.

AN electric car was thrown from the track at Portland, Ore., on the 27th, after which it plunged into a slough 35 feet below. Four persons were drowned.

JOHN RAYMOND FRENCH, vice chancellor of Syracuse (N. Y.) university, died in that city. He was 73 years old, and was regarded as one of the best mathematicians in America.

CAPT. OTTO J. PAUL, formerly of the Ohio national guard, was said to be organizing a company at Dayton, O., to go to Greece.

TILLIE ANDERSON, the bicyclist, broke the half mile woman's record, flying start, at Youngstown, O., on the 25th, riding the distance in 33.3 seconds. She was paced by a tandem and the course was straight away.

BOS FAYNE, a negro desperado, shot and killed Mrs. Lulu Tyres at Birmingham, Ala. He was wanted on some charges and he thought some boarders at Mrs. Tyres' house had informed on him and entered the place and tried to shoot them, but missed and killed Mrs. Tyres.

WILHELM FISCHER, aged 75 and very infirm, was jailed at Nebraska City, Neb., charged with horse stealing. He confessed the theft of a team at Lincoln, one at Berlin and two in Kansas.

THEODORE HAVEMAYER, vice president of the American Sugar Refining Co., died in New York on the 25th.

ISAACSON WEBER shot his four-year-old daughter and then killed himself at New York on the 25th. Weber was a hard drinker and used his wife badly and she had been obliged to turn him out of doors.

A FIRE at Whitney's Point, near Birmingham, N. Y., recently destroyed property to the value of \$250,000.

FRANK KLOSS was hanged at St. Quentin, Cal., on the 23d for the murder of William Deady.

THE corner stone of the Transmississippi exposition arch of the states was laid on the 23d at Omaha, Neb., after a long parade of military and civil societies. Grand Master Phelps, of the Nebraska masons, officiated. Addresses were made by Mayor Broatch, Lieut. Gov. Harris and ex-Secretary of Agriculture Morton.

THE Connecticut house on the 24th passed a bill prohibiting all Sunday labor or sport.

A DISPATCH on the 27th said that the most serious feature of the Greco-Turkish emergency was the revolutionary feeling displayed at Athens. A feeling of anger against the palace party in the conduct of the campaign was increasing and arrangements, it was reported, were being made to enable the royal family to leave the country hastily in case of necessity.

THE managers of Peter Maher and Tom Sharkey on the 26th met representatives of a sporting club and accepted a proposition for a fight between the principals for a \$10,000 purse to take place in the vicinity of New York between May 25 and June 10 next.

COL. ROBERT McREYNOLDS, of Guthrie, Ok., has been commissioned recruiting officer for Oklahoma for the American Volunteer legion, an organization recently formed for the invasion of Cuba in behalf of the insurgents.

WHILE Milton Bradbury, living near Garber, Ok., was fighting a prairie fire on his farm his five-year-old son was caught in it and was burned to death.

THE annual dinner of the Reform club took place at New York on the 24th. Ex-President Cleveland responded to the toast of "Present Problems," ex-Secretary Carlisle to that of "Sound Currency," and ex-Postmaster-General Wilson to that of "Tariff Reform." Several other speeches were made by noted gold democrats.

THE sewer pipe manufacturers recently completed a national association at Cleveland, O., with a capital of \$7,500, 44 factories being included.

JOHN NOBLE was crushed to death by the accidental falling of a safe in East St. Louis, Ill., and Patrick Butler received fatal injuries.

THE man who was hypnotized and buried in the ground for three days, at Simcoe, Ont., was disinterred when the time had elapsed and great crowds followed the box to the opera house. It required five men to control the subject in his struggles while he was being brought back to consciousness and the box was smashed to pieces.

THE Greek warships bombarded Santo Quaranta on the 24th and destroyed great quantities of Turkish stores and munitions of war. The Greek army under Prince Constantine was defeated at Mail and forced to abandon Tyrnavor and Larina and remove the headquarters to Phalaros.

THE Paris Journal's correspondent at Odessa, Russia, telegraphed on the 23d that all the necessary measures had been taken at Sebastopol for the eventual intervention of Russia in the war between Turkey and Greece.

Town of Omer, 34 miles north of Bay City, Mich., was visited by a tornado on the night of the 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Hagley were blown 80 feet into the air and were fatally injured. Many buildings were blown down.

SOPHIE BOSWELL was recently crowned queen of the gypsies of the United States in an open field near East St. Louis in the presence of several hundred gypsies and many visitors.

THE 23d was the eighth anniversary of the opening of original Oklahoma to settlement and the day was celebrated as a general holiday all over the territory.

THE Cook County (Ill.) Business Men's association is getting up a big demonstration for May 30 for the purpose of arousing sentiment against the big department stores.

AT Williamston, 14 miles east of Lansing, Mich., Mrs. Albert Hovey, aged 32 years, murdered her aged mother-in-law with an ax. She severed the head from the body and then poured oil on the lifeless body and set it on fire.

BRIBERY INVESTIGATION.

It is brought to an abrupt close by a witness refusing to answer questions.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 28.—Representative T. C. Davis, of Wilson county, has dodged the bribery investigating committee by refusing to answer questions and will be committed for contempt. Davis' attorney, J. M. Kennedy, who is prosecuting attorney of Wilson county, arrived last night and will at once commence habeas corpus proceedings in the supreme court for his release on the ground that the committee is not legally constituted. An effort will be made to have the court hear the case at the earliest possible date.

Chairman Outcall announces that no more testimony will be taken till the question involving the legality of the committee is settled. It is not known just what points will be raised in the Davis case, but the lawyers expect that an attack will be made upon the joint resolution creating the committee because it did not state that the committee should sit after the adjournment of the legislature.

Davis' refusal to answer questions created a sensation. The committee expected much from him. It has been reported that he knew a member of the legislature who said he had received money. Davis admitted that he had reported information, but refused to impart it to the committee for various reasons.

A VETERAN'S LUCK.

He receives a check from the Pension Department for \$11,444 back pension.

QUINCY, Ill., April 28.—Col. William G. Kniffen, who distinguished himself by gallant services in the late war, and who was a member of Grant's staff in his trip around the world, sought the sheltering care of the state soldiers' home about two weeks ago, coming here from Chicago. During the war he was shot in the neck, and his life was saved by inserting a silver tube to make breathing possible. Disappointed through failure to receive his pension money, and discouraged by business reverses, he had just become reconciled to passing his remaining days in the soldiers' home when a check reached him from the pension department for \$11,444, with the assurance of a good monthly remittance hereafter. He took his discharge from the home and returned to Chicago in cheerful spirits.

KANSAS EDITORS MEET.

Holders of Opinion in the Big Seventh Get Together.

HUSCHMAN, Kan., April 28.—The Seventh district republican editors held their semi-annual meeting in this city yesterday and discussed matters pertaining to the craft. The following officers were elected: President, F. J. Davis, of the Larned Chronicle; vice president, D. A. Mims, of the Garden City Impartial; secretary, A. E. Duval, of the Human Review; treasurer, J. E. Junkin, of the Sterling Bulletin; executive committee, R. P. Murdoch, of the Wichita Eagle; W. Y. Morgan, of the Hutchinson News; Clark Conkling, of the Lyons Republican, and W. F. Hendry, of the Mekeem Argosy. The editors left on an excursion at night to visit the oil and gas regions at Neodesha.

M'CRAY AND TILLOTSON NAMED

Gov. Leedy Fills Out the Kansas School Text Book Board.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 28.—Gov. Leedy today issued commissions to the members of the text book board, including D. O. McCray and D. C. Tillotson, who had not been confirmed by the senate. Gov. Leedy believes the board should have its full complement of eight members before it should act on book contracts, and he finds nothing in the law to prevent the issuance of commissions to the members who have not been confirmed. As to McCray, he says the senate neither rejected nor confirmed him, and he will permit his name to stand until the senate shall act upon it.

Railroad Rate Hearing.

ST. LOUIS, April 28.—Col. W. R. Morrison, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, heard testimony yesterday on the grievances of the Kansas City shippers and St. Louis Business Men's league as to freight rates to Texas points on less than carload lots. The substance of evidence in the Kansas case was that the prevailing rates from Kansas City to the Gulf coast and Texas points are as low as is consistent with good business policy. This testimony was given by men who are connected with the railway companies.

Interstate Mass Meeting.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 28.—An interstate mass convention is to be held in Topeka or Wichita in June in an effort to compel railroads to reduce freight rates to the Gulf. This is made public to-day through a committee in conference with Gov. Leedy. This action grows out of the legislative committee conference recently held at Austin, Tex. A sub-committee has been appointed and declared for the convention. Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma are the states concerned.

Prince Louis of Baden Dead.

CARLSRUHE, April 28.—Prince Louis William August, of Baden, brother of the Grand Duke of Baden, died to-day. He was born in 1839 and was a general of Prussian infantry and president of the first chamber of the grand duchy of Baden. He was married in 1863 to the Duchess of Mouchetberg.

No State Control of Soldiers' Homes.

CINCINNATI, April 28.—Col. J. B. Thomas, governor of the National Military home near Dayton, O., was before Judge Taft, of the United States court, in a habeas corpus proceeding. He had been convicted of using oilomargarine and of selling it at the home in violation of the law of the state and had been fined. His dismissal was moved on the ground that the state had no jurisdiction within the limits of the premises owned by the United States government. Judge Taft, after hearing argument, granted the dismissal.

Terrible Casualty in Kentucky.

PIKEVILLE, Ky., April 28.—News comes here from Beaver creek, about 50 miles distant, of a terrible casualty. While Tom Carbe, a logging man, was absent chopping wood, his home burned and his wife and four children were roasted alive. Five blackened bodies were found in the debris by a passer-by.

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FLOOD STILL ON.

Portions of the West Inundated and Situation Getting Worse.

Disastrous Breaks of Levees Near Keokuk, Ia.—Alarm at New Orleans—Kansas and Nebraska Visited—Oklahoma Flooded.

KEOKUK, Ia., April 27.—Hunt levee, on the Illinois side, ten miles below this city, broke yesterday morning unexpectedly and threw the inhabitants of the district in the wildest state of alarm. Twenty-five thousand acres of rich land will be overflowed. People had felt secure and were not prepared for the break. A wild rush to get families and stock out of the bottoms is being made. Much stock will be drowned and there may be loss of human life. The levee at Gregory, Mo., broke yesterday and the water has been running through the town like a mill race. Thousands of bushels of corn belonging to Keokuk and Missouri parties are in danger of being swept away. The Egyptian levee at Alexandria is practically useless. The water has come upon the rear of the levee and the town is under water.

All Missouri bottoms between St. Louis and Quincy are overflowed about four feet. Alexandria, Sprawls and Gregory, Mo., are inundated. Only about 100 square feet of land in Alexandria remains above the water. The crest of the flood is here.

Kansas and Nebraska Visited.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 28.—Special dispatches tend to show that the territory including portions of Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa experienced the heaviest rainstorms in their history between midnight and morning Sunday. In northern Kansas more rain fell within six hours than often falls in six months. Many small buildings were washed away and there was actual fear that entire towns would be swept off into the swelling streams. The rise of the water in parts of Nebraska was so rapid that people sleeping in the first stories of their homes narrowly escaped drowning in their beds. They were compelled to take refuge in the upper stories and on the roofs, and in many instances, rescuers, with boats, took half-dressed people from trees, into which they had climbed in their forced retreat.

New Orleans Much Alarmed.

NEW ORLEANS, April 28.—A break occurred yesterday on Melrose plantation on the opposite bank of the river, about 50 miles below the city. The levee is of clay, about five feet high, and the break, caused by an old wooden rice flume, is 35 feet wide and four feet deep. The plantation is flooded and the Grant Island railroad is under three inches of water. A feeling of alarm is active and general. The wall of water has been rising to an overwhelming height at Vicksburg. With the river here at 19 feet above low water, this means 20 feet.

Floods Reach Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Ok., April 28.—The hardest rain ever known in the history of Oklahoma fell yesterday. For over 12 hours it rained in torrents. Southeast of the city there were two cloudbursts. The Cimarron and Cottonwood rivers and small creeks are overflowing their banks and inundating cotton and wheat fields. It is feared great damage has been done to young cotton. Near Edmond several good farms have been destroyed. Yesterday evening the big bridge leading to the waterworks plant went out, taking with it 100 feet of ten-inch pipe. This knocks out the city's water supply.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Condensed Proceedings of the Senate and House in Extra Session.

IN the senate on the 23d Senator Allen (Neb.) offered a resolution that the president express the sympathy of this country to the Greek government. It was referred. In a debate on senate committees Senator Morgan (Ala.) made a speech of unusual severity and denounced the subordination of business to politics. Senator Allen (Neb.) proposed a complete cessation of senate business, except to consider appropriations bills, until committees were filled. His resolution finally went over after a heated debate. The Nelson bankruptcy bill was passed by a vote of 49 to 3. The free homestead bill was taken up and made unfinished business. A committee of five senators was appointed to accompany the remains of Congressman Holman to Indiana and an adjournment was then taken until the 25th. The house took up the Indian appropriation bill and refused to concur in the senate amendment for establishing an Indian warehouse at Omaha, Neb. Mr. Lammham (Tex.) introduced a bill entitled "to reduce the expenditures of the government, to decrease federal salaries and to discourage the office-seeking industry," which provides for a reduction in the salaries of all persons on the rolls of the United States 33 1/3 per cent. The death of Mr. Holman (Ind.) was then announced, a committee appointed to take charge of his funeral and the house adjourned as a mark of respect.

THE senate was not in session on the 23d. The house completed the consideration of the senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill and sent the bill to conference. Mr. Brand (Mo.) attempted to secure action on a resolution relative to the Union Pacific railroad mortgages, but the speaker ruled that it was not privileged. Mr. Dorr (W. Va.) introduced a bill to repeal the civil service law. Mr. McGuire (Cal.) introduced a resolution, which was referred, for extending the sympathy of the United States to Greece in her war with Turkey. A committee of 25 was appointed to attend the dedication of the Grant tomb at New York and a programme for three-day adjournments agreed to.

BOTH houses of congress adjourned promptly on the 28th without transacting any business up to the legislative until next week.

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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The Grand Army Encampment.—The annual state encampment of the G. A. R. and kindred organizations was held at Chanute last week. It was voted to hold the next encampment at Leavenworth. Judge Theo. Botkin, of Hutchinson, was chosen department commander, and he named Lewis Hanback as adjutant-general. W. D. Feder, of Great Bend, was elected commander of the Sons of Veterans and the stastics showed this order to be disintegrating. Mrs. Margaret Griffin, of Emporia, was chosen president of the W. R. C.; the Ladies' of the G. A. R. elected Mrs. Emma Moll, of Olathe, president, and Mrs. Amy Pope, of Wichita, was chosen president of the Ladies' Aid society.

To Discourage Bank Borrowing.—Bank Commissioner Breidenthal says that only in the emergency of heavy withdrawals of deposits will he consent to bankers borrowing money, and in no case will he permit the use of collateral to secure such loans. Under the old law banks were given to borrowing money and putting up double negotiable paper or other collateral, thus depriving depositors of available assets in case of a bank's failure. Mr. Breidenthal says that a bank ought to be able to borrow money on its own credit, and if it cannot it ought to go into liquidation and pay its creditors.

The "Oldest Kansas Editor."

The discussion as to who should succeed Sol Miller as the "oldest Kansas editor" brings out the fact that John S. Gilmore established the Fredonia Citizen in April, 1870, and has since owned and edited it. W. T. Yoe has been part owner and editor of the Independence Tribune since 1871. W. T. McElroy has been editor and proprietor of the Humboldt Union continuously since 1867. This beats the other claimants of "oldest Kansas editor" about three years.

His Veracity Is Vouched for.

There have been many strange stories printed about the alleged airship, but the climax to them all comes from Woodson county. Farmer Hamilton, near Yates Center, says the "airship" not only appeared on his premises and frightened all of his household, but the captain of the "vessel" had the nerve to swoop down and capture a young heifer. Leading citizens of Yates Center testify that Hamilton's word has never been questioned.

To Agree on Freight Rates.

A Topeka dispatch said the board of railroad commissioners and the representatives of the leading traffic associations would meet in Topeka in a few days and try to agree on a satisfactory scale of freight rates. The consent to this meeting is equivalent to an assurance that there will be no extra session of the legislature.

Topeka Will Have a Reunion.

Notwithstanding the fact that the recent G. A. R. encampment at Chanute voted to hold the annual reunion at Leavenworth this fall, Topeka announces that a state soldiers' reunion will be held there also. The committee says the Topeka reunion will be for "the thousands of old soldiers who do not belong to the G. A. R."

No Pardon for Willie Sells.

The board of pardons has recommended clemency in the case of William Sells, convicted in Neosho county in 1886 of murdering his father, mother, brother and sister, but the Neosho county people made vigorous protest against any such action, and it was said Gov. Leedy would not pardon him.

The Condition of Wheat.

The state board of agriculture, from reports received from every locality in Kansas, says the average condition of wheat now standing is 80 per cent. The total area planted is placed at 8,100,000 acres, of which 21 per cent. was winter killed, leaving about 2,500,000 acres now standing.

McNall After Fire Companies.

A Topeka dispatch said State Insurance Commissioner McNall would issue an order declaring the Clarkson insurance rating and map bureau of Topeka a trust supported by all the fire insurance companies of the state, and would prohibit it doing business in the state.

Minor State News.

Ex-Gov. Morrill and wife will soon leave on a European tour.

The sitting of the federal court at Fort Scott has been postponed from the first to the fourth Monday in May. There was no money on hand to pay witnesses.

Special Master Clark has begun hearing testimony in the suit to prevent the state from enforcing the Jacquins live stock law. The sittings are at Kansas City.

Judge N. C. McFarland, who was United States commissioner under Presidents Garfield and Arthur, died in Topeka recently. He was a pioneer citizen of Kansas, and left quite a large estate.

Charles Barker, a Florence banker, was recently caught for \$5,000 by the failure of a Topeka bucket shop, and he didn't do a thing but have the secretary of the concern put in jail on the charge of fraud.

The following officers of the Kansas Academy of Language and Literature were chosen at